

## REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-APRIL 26, 2004

At 7:31 p.m. Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the Mansfield Town Council meeting to order in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer  
Absent: Thorkelson who was in Wales

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the minutes of April 12, 2004 with two corrections; Caroline Redding spelling, and under Mayor's report: The Mayor had the opportunity to speak with Congressman Simmons on the \$5 million grant for the Husky road which is the extension of North Hillside.

So passed. Mr. Schaefer abstained.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of the special meeting of April 12, 2004.

So passed Mr. Schaefer abstained.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the minutes of April 7, March 29 and March 31, 2004.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mrs. Dolly Whitham, 99 Birchwood Heights Road, addressed the Council on the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance. She supports it being said prior to the Council meetings.

Mrs. Joyce Passmore, 668 Middle Turnpike, asked the Council and anyone else to join her as she said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Ed Passmore, 668 Middle Turnpike, Commander of the VFW Post, hoped that saying the Pledge would become a part of the meeting. Mr. Passmore invited the Council to support the Memorial Day Parade and celebrations. The parade begins at 9:00 am on Memorial Day.

Mr. Richard Pellegrine, Clover Mill Road, spoke on issues of Spring Weekend held on the University campus. He had impressions, which would not have given the students high marks for their actions on the weekend. Injuries and assaults bothered him very much. Although this weekend was contained he urged the Council to promote the stoppage of this weekend.

Mr. Hawkins felt that the injuries were more severe than previous years. He spoke of concerns of emergency service in much of eastern Connecticut. Many personnel and equipment from other communities were present on and off campus and he questioned the impact of other emergency calls in those communities during the same time period?

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill Including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing

No action needed.

2. University Spring Weekend

Much discussion by Council members who were present during the weekend, the Mayor, Town Manager, and Director of Public Safety.

3. Town of Mansfield/University of Connecticut Land Exchange

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective April 26, 2004, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed land exchange with the University of Connecticut in which the town would acquire for an even exchange the university's 10 acre Plains Road parcel and the University would receive title to the town's 43 acre parcel adjacent to the Bergin Correctional Institution.

So passed unanimously.

4. Appointment of Town Representative to Mansfield Downtown Partnership

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to appoint Ms. Caroline Redding to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board for a term to end June 30, 2007.

So passed unanimously.

5. Town of Mansfield Proposed Fiscal Year Operating 2004/05 Budget

Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance, and Town Manager, Mr. Martin H. Berliner, spoke on the proposed budget and the suggested reductions to the Town's budget.

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to accept the proposed reductions on the Town Budget.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to add \$4,000 in Sexual Assault Crisis Service.

So passed unanimously.

t Mr. Schaefer moved and by consensus the Council will postpone funding the monument to the Civil War Colored Regiment until next year's budget.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that the General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$26,636,870 is hereby adopted as the proposed operating budget for the Town of Mansfield for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that the Capital Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$1, 591,500 is hereby adopted as the capital improvements to be undertaken during fiscal year 2004/2005 or later years.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that the following Appropriations Act be recommended for adoption at the annual Town Meeting for budget considerations:

RESOLVED: That the proposed General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 in the amount of \$25,636,870 which propose budget was adopted by the Council on April 26, 2004, be adopted and that the sums estimated and set forth in said budget be appropriated for the purpose indicated.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-51, the proportionate share for the Town of Mansfield of the annual budget for Regional School District No. 19 shall be added to the General Fund Budget appropriation for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 and said sums currently estimated at \$7,728,080, shall be paid by the Town to the Regional School District as they become available.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 in the amount of \$1,591,500 be adopted provided that the portion proposed to be funded by bonds or notes shall, at the appropriate times, be introduced for action by the Town Council subject to a vote by referendum as required by Section 407 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 in the amount of \$2,461,800 be adopted.

So passed unanimously.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

6. Proclamation of Congratulations and Friendship to Mansfield, Massachusetts

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded that effective May 17, 2004, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached proclamation of congratulations and friendship to the Town of Mansfield, Massachusetts.

So passed unanimously.

7. Appointment of Auditor to Conduct Financial Audit for Fiscal year 2003/04

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Haddad seconded that effective April 26, 2004, to appoint the firm of Kostin, Ruffkess and Company to conduct the financial audit for the Town of Mansfield for the year ending June 30, 2004.

So passed unanimously.

8. Amendment to Solid Waste Regulations

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to recess as the Town Council and to convene as the MRRA.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective April 26, 2004, to amend Section A196-12(H)(1) of the Mansfield Solid Waste Regulation as recommended by town staff.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to recess as the MRRA and reconvene as the Mansfield Town Council

So passed unanimously.

9. Letter of Appreciation

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to send a letter of appreciation to the emergency service groups and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Mansfield Town Council expresses the gratitude of the community to the Eagleville Fire Department, the Mansfield Volunteer Fire company and other emergency services and mutual aid fire departments.

So passed unanimously.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VI. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Mayor attended a function presented by Joshua's Trust at "The Hole in the Wall Gang" camp.

Mayor attended the Eagle Scout ceremony honoring Steven Glow as he obtained his Eagle Scout status. Mayor Paterson read a proclamation to Steven from the Town Council. Steven is a senior at E.O. Smith and has special needs. He has worked hard to achieve this high honor in Scouts.

VIII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager handed out the new visitors guide to Mansfield developed by the Downtown Partnership and printed for distribution throughout the town. The Town Manager is planning a trip around the town for Council members to view facilities and properties owned by the town.

IX. FUTURE AGENDAS

- Pledge of Allegiance.

X. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 9. R. Favretti re: 8-24 Referral, 2004/05 Capital Improvements Budget
- 10. Q. Kessel re: Correspondence with Department of Environment Protection
- 11. J. Passmore re: Mansfield Town Council Pledge
- 12. Legal Notice-Regional School District Number 19 Town Meeting
- 13. Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission Referral-14 Lot Subdivision East of Fern Road
- 14. Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Management Bulletin-Connecticut Supreme Court on Municipal Powers: Separate Budget Referenda, "Yes"

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:03 p.m. Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn for five minutes and reconvene in executive session with the Town Manager for the purposes of Open Space Acquisition.

So passed unanimously.

At 9:08 p.m. the Council went into executive session.

At 9:22 p.m. Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting.

So passed unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

- At 9:23 p.m. Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adjourn the meeting.
- So passed unanimously.

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Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk